

The new U.S. News rankings include 195 schools. Overall numerical ranks were published for the 146 highest ranked schools, but not for the other 49 schools. All other data were provided for all schools.

U.S. News lists the 146 schools in order of rank in a table titled “The Top Schools.” The other schools are listed alphabetically under the rubric “Second Tier”. This is similar to last year’s classification but different from previous years, when schools were divided into four tiers.

For old times’ sake and to provide a more detailed analysis for some variables, I’ve divided the schools into four groups, as follows:

Group.	N	Ranks	Schools
1	50	1 - 49	Yale thru American, Pepperdine (tie)
2	50	51 - 99	Baylor thru Rutgers-Camden, Tulsa
3	46	101 - 145	St. Louis + 4 other schools thru Montana, North Dakota
4	49	RNP*	
Total	195		

\*RNP = Rank Not Published

	Peer assessment	Lawyer/Judge assessment
Maximum	4.9	4.8
Median	2.30	2.90
Minimum	1.1	1.4
Mean	2.47	2.91
SD	0.85	0.80
N	195	195

Peer assessment and Lawyer/Judge assessment each correlate .90 with ranks of the 146 schools whose ranks are reported ( $p < .001$ ). Of course, Peer assessment and Lawyer/Judge assessment contribute to the calculation of rank, and that tends to increase the correlations.

#### Peer assessment and Lawyer/Judge assessment by school group

Group	N	Peer		Lawyer/Judge	
		M	SD	M	SD
1	50	3.64	0.63	3.97	0.44
2	50	2.54	0.21	3.05	0.20
3	46	2.09	0.16	2.57	0.29
4	49	1.55	0.23	2.00	0.35

#### ANOVA

Peer:  $F(3, 191) = 295.81, p < .0001$

Lawyer/Judge:  $F(3, 191) = 311.26, p < .0001$

All schools

	Peer	Law/J	LSAT		GPA		Empl		
			25	75	25	75	Acc%	9mos	EnrolFT
Peer	--	.96	.94	.94	.88	.81	-.73	.63	.44
Law/J	.96	--	.91	.92	.88	.83	-.70	.62	.38
LSAT 25	.94	.91	--	.97	.88	.81	-.76	.64	.40
LSAT 75	.94	.92	.97	--	.90	.85	-.77	.65	.39
GPA 25	.88	.88	.88	.90	--	.91	-.72	.59	.28
GPA 75	.81	.83	.81	.85	.91	--	-.70	.55	.15
Accept %	-.73	-.70	-.76	-.77	-.72	-.70	--	-.53	-.17
Empl%9mos	.63	.62	.64	.65	.59	.55	-.53	--	.27
EnrolFT	.44	.38	.40	.39	.28	.15	-.17	.27	--

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Variable 1	Variable 2	r	N	p
Law/J	Peer	.96	195	< .001
LSAT 25	Peer	.94	195	< .001
LSAT 25	Law/J	.91	195	< .001
LSAT 75	Peer	.94	195	< .001
LSAT 75	Law/J	.92	195	< .001
LSAT 75	LSAT 25	.97	195	< .001
GPA 25	Peer	.88	195	< .001
GPA 25	Law/J	.88	195	< .001
GPA 25	LSAT 25	.88	195	< .001
GPA 25	LSAT 75	.90	195	< .001
GPA 75	Peer	.81	195	< .001
GPA 75	Law/J	.84	195	< .001
GPA 75	LSAT 25	.81	195	< .001
GPA 75	LSAT 75	.86	195	< .001
GPA 75	GPA 25	.92	195	< .001
Accept %	Peer	-.72	195	< .001
Accept %	Law/J	-.68	195	< .001
Accept %	LSAT 25	-.75	195	< .001
Accept %	LSAT 75	-.76	195	< .001
Accept %	GPA 25	-.71	195	< .001
Accept %	GPA 75	-.68	195	< .001
Empl%9mos	Peer	.63	195	< .001
Empl%9mos	Law/J	.64	195	< .001
Empl%9mos	LSAT 25	.64	195	< .001
Empl%9mos	LSAT 75	.65	195	< .001
Empl%9mos	GPA 25	.61	195	< .001

Empl%9mos	GPA 75	.57	195	< .001
Empl%9mos	Accept %	-.51	195	< .001
EnrolFT	Peer	.44	191	< .001
EnrolFT	Law/J	.38	191	< .001
EnrolFT	LSAT 25	.40	191	< .001
EnrolFT	LSAT 75	.39	191	< .001
EnrolFT	GPA 25	.28	191	< .001
EnrolFT	GPA 75	.15	191	.041
EnrolFT	Accept %	-.17	191	.019
EnrolFT	Empl%9mos	.27	191	< .001

Group 4

	Peer	Law/J	LSAT		GPA		Empl		
			25	75	25	75	Acc%	9mos	EnrolFT
Peer	--	.75	.45	.24	.56	.46	-.00	-.04	-.06
Law/J	.75	--	.44	.27	.50	.51	.01	.04	-.13
LSAT 25	.45	.44	--	.88	.58	.56	-.19	.09	-.24
LSAT 75	.24	.27	.88	--	.61	.63	-.22	.01	-.27
GPA 25	.56	.50	.58	.61	--	.87	-.19	-.16	-.26
GPA 75	.46	.51	.56	.63	.87	--	-.17	-.16	-.31
Accept %	-.00	.01	-.19	-.22	-.19	-.17	--	.05	.30
Emp%9mos	-.04	.04	.09	.01	-.16	-.16	.05	--	.16
EnrolFT	-.06	-.13	-.24	-.27	-.26	-.31	.30	.16	--

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Variable 1	Variable 2	r	N	p
Law/J	Peer	.74	49	.000
LSAT 25	Peer	.41	49	.003
LSAT 25	Law/J	.41	49	.003
LSAT 75	Peer	.22	49	.128
LSAT 75	Law/J	.26	49	.068
LSAT 75	LSAT 25	.88	49	.000
GPA 25	Peer	.57	49	.000
GPA 25	Law/J	.51	49	.000
GPA 25	LSAT 25	.57	49	.000
GPA 25	LSAT 75	.60	49	.000
GPA 75	Peer	.48	49	.000
GPA 75	Law/J	.52	49	.000
GPA 75	LSAT 25	.54	49	.000
GPA 75	LSAT 75	.61	49	.000
GPA 75	GPA 25	.87	49	.000
Accept %	Peer	.03	49	.832
Accept %	Law/J	.07	49	.630
Accept %	LSAT 25	-.21	49	.142
Accept %	LSAT 75	-.25	49	.084
Accept %	GPA 25	-.17	49	.247
Accept %	GPA 75	-.13	49	.375
Emp%9mos	Peer	.10	49	.510
Emp%9mos	Law/J	.20	49	.174
Emp%9mos	LSAT 25	.10	49	.487
Emp%9mos	LSAT 75	.04	49	.768
Emp%9mos	GPA 25	-.06	49	.698

Emp%9mos	GPA 75	-.07	49	.612
Emp%9mos	Accept %	.10	49	.513
EnrolFT	Peer	-.06	46	.684
EnrolFT	Law/J	-.13	46	.386
EnrolFT	LSAT 25	-.24	46	.103
EnrolFT	LSAT 75	-.27	46	.073
EnrolFT	GPA 25	-.26	46	.081
EnrolFT	GPA 75	-.31	46	.033
EnrolFT	Accept %	.30	46	.042
EnrolFT	Emp%9mos	.16	46	.278